

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

BLAKE LIVELY,

Plaintiff,

-v-

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, JUSTIN  
BALDONI, JAMEY HEATH, STEVE  
SAROWITZ, IT ENDS WITH US MOVIE LLC,  
MELISSA NATHAN, THE AGENCY GROUP PR  
LLC, JENNIFER ABEL, JED WALLACE, and  
STREET RELATIONS INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-10049-LJL  
(consolidated with 1:25-cv-00449-LJL)

JENNIFER ABEL,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

-v-

JONESWORKS LLC,

Third-Party Defendant.

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, JUSTIN  
BALDONI, JAMEY HEATH, IT ENDS WITH US  
MOVIE LLC, MELISSA NATHAN, JENNIFER  
ABEL, and STEVE SAROWITZ,

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

-v-

BLAKE LIVELY, RYAN REYNOLDS, LESLIE  
SLOANE, VISION PR, INC., and THE NEW  
YORK TIMES COMPANY.

Consolidated Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF KRISTIN E. BENDER IN SUPPORT OF BLAKE LIVELY'S  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE THIRD PARTY MATTHEW MITCHELL BY  
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE**

I, Kristin E. Bender, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, a partner in the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 1875 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, and counsel of record for Blake Lively in the above-captioned action.

2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Ms. Lively's Letter-Motion for Leave to Serve Third-Party Matthew Mitchell by Alternative Service.

3. On June 2, 2025, at 3:36 p.m., I called the telephone number for Mr. Mitchell that was provided in the Wayfarer Parties' Initial Disclosures. After numerous rings, and no answer, the outgoing voicemail message indicated it was a telephone number associated with Mr. Mitchell.

4. I have no reason to believe that Mr. Mitchell has retained counsel in connection with this action that could accept service on behalf of Mr. Mitchell. On June 10, 2025, during a party teleconference, I asked counsel for the Wayfarer Parties whether they were representing Mr. Mitchell, but did not receive confirmation. On June 11, 2025, I emailed asking whether they intended to represent Mr. Mitchell. As of the date of this filing, counsel for the Wayfarer Parties has not provided a response.

5. I also submit this declaration to place before the Court true and correct copies of the following documents.

6. A true and correct copy of the Wayfarer Parties' Initial Disclosures, dated February 18, 2025, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

7. A true and correct copy of private process server Erick Salas's Affidavit of Due Diligence, dated June 4, 2025 is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 13, 2025

/s/ Kristin E. Bender

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